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File: S21C-005

Gabriel Xue
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Sent by email

Dear Gabe Xue,

Re: Selwyn Chihong Mining Ltd. – Renewal Issuance Package – Land Use Permit S21C-005 – Mineral Exploration – Howard’s Pass, South Nahanni Watershed, Tuli’ta District, NT

The Sahtu Land and Water Board (Board) met on November 16, 2021 and considered the renewal Application Package from Selwyn Chihong Mining Ltd. (SCML) for Land Use Permit S16C-002 for the SCML Mineral Exploration Project in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Board has approved Land Use Permit (Permit) S21C-005 (attached) for a term of five years, effective November 17, 2021 and expiring November 16, 2026. The Permit is supported by the Board’s Reasons for Decision. These documents are posted to the Board’s Public Registry.¹

Security Deposit

A security deposit is required prior to commencement of Project activities, as per Permit Condition #47, SECURITY DEPOSIT and subsection 32(3) of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations. The security

¹ See SLW2 Online Registry www.slwb.com for [S21C-005](#)

deposit is **payable to the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT)** and should be submitted to the following individual, to whom questions regarding security should also be directed:

Lands Advisor
GNWT-Lands
Bag Service #1
Inuvik NT X0E OT0
Phone: 867-777-8900

Submission Requirements

Please refer to Annex A of the Permit for a complete summary and timetable of submissions required for the Permit. The Board's decisions on submissions that were considered in conjunction with the Application Package are set out below.

Management Plans – Approved

The Board has approved the following Plans:

Condition Number and Title	Title of Plan (Version)
#40, WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN	Comprehensive Waste Management Plan (V#6.0) ²
#60, SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN	Spill Contingency Plan (V#4.0) ³
#79, ENGAGEMENT PLAN	Engagement Plan ⁴
#68, RESTORATION PLAN	Restoration Plan for NWT Components (V#1.0) ⁵

The Board requests that pages 29 & 31 of the **Spill Contingency Plan** be rescanned as these pages are not legible, and resubmit the Plan to the Board for replacement on the public registry.

Request for Reduced Watercourse Buffer

The Board has approved the use of sumps or natural depressions for disposal of non-toxic drilling wastewater. However, the Board does not approve the requested reduced setback of sumps from any watercourse from 100 m to 30 m, except upon authorization of an Inspector.

The Board will not restrict the location of drill targets adjacent to any watercourse. However, when drilling within 100 m of any watercourse, the Permittee shall contain drill wastewater and dispose of in a sump located more than 100 m from any watercourse.

The Board's evidence and reasons for this decision are detailed in the Staff Report and the attached Reasons for Decision.

² See SLWB Online Registry for [SCML – Renewal – Comprehensive Waste Management Plan – Version 6.0 – Oct 1 21](#)

³ See SLWB Online Registry for [SCML – Renewal – Spill Contingency Plan – Version 4.0 – Oct 1 21](#)

⁴ See SLWB Online Registry for [SCML – Renewal – Engagement Record and Plan – Oct 1 21](#)

⁵ See SLWB Online Registry for [SLWB – Renewal – Restoration Plan for NWT Components – Version 1.0 – Oct 1 21](#)

Inspectors

The Inspectors referred to in the Permit can be contacted at the regional GNWT-Lands offices.⁶

Permit Processes and Additional Information

Sections 5 and 6 of the Board's *Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process*⁷ (Guide) contain detailed information on permit enforcement and potential post-issuance processes, such as amendments to conditions, and assignment to another company. Please be familiar with these sections of the Guide and reach out to Board staff with any questions about Board processes related to the Permit.

Full cooperation of Selwyn Chihong Mining Ltd. is anticipated and appreciated. Please contact Bonnie Bergsma at (867) 496-2778 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Tanya MacIntosh
Chair, Sahtu Land and Water Board

BCC'd to: Tulit'a District ORS Distribution List
Jonathan Gillingham – Inspector, GNWT-Lands, Sahtu Region
Christopher Wasylyshyn-Ondris – Inspector, GNWY-Lands, Sahtu Region
Dan Carmichael, GNWT-Lands

Attached: Land Use Permit S21C-005
Reasons for Decision

⁶ See GNWT-Lands Inspection and Enforcement webpage (<https://www.lands.gov.nt.ca/en/services/inspections-and-enforcement>) for regional contact information.

⁷ See SLWB Policies and Guidelines webpage for MVLWB [Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process](#).